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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Bhatnagar, Anand P.
TOMOHIKO MATSUURA)
: Group Art Unit: 2623
Application No.: 09/832,953)
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) Japanese 63-240832
- (2) Japanese 2000-023952

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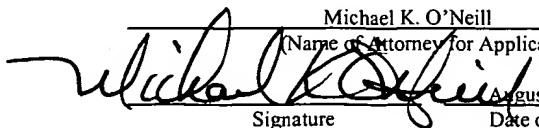
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An English-language abstract accompanies document (2). An English-language abstract has not been found for document (1); however, Applicant advises that it describes that, in the treatment of the radiation image, when the relation between a value of a point and values of points before and after the point satisfies a specified pattern, the position of the point is stored as a position of a column of a lung field outline in the row. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract and the foregoing written explanations. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to
be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", written over a horizontal line.

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